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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Director:

I want to bring to your attention the path-breaking Report by the Study Group on Asian and African Languages, initiated by the 1958 NATO Parliamentarians' Conference, at my suggestion.

The Report points the way by which the Western World can act more effectively in the cold war, by improving our communication with the peoples of Asia and Africa. It deserves serious consideration by all the member governments of NATO, and early implementation.

I believe the findings of the Study Group are especially timely and helpful to those responsible for carrying out the language study provisions of this country's National Defense Education Act.

In my capacity as Chairman of the Parliamentarians' Scientific and Technical Committee, I shall have the honor to submit this report together with recommendations for implementing it, to the 1959 NATO Parliamentarians' Conference.

Therefore, I shall welcome your comments and suggestions on the recommendations of the Report, especially in regard to the proposals for:

1. An international fellowship and studentship program
2. An international program for supporting study institutes, summer schools and seminars, and

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3. Provision of funds for the preparation, dissemination and publication of materials essential to the teaching of the 70 some essential Asian and African languages listed in the Report.

To coordinate and carry out the proposed programs, I believe the NATO organization in Paris would need a special NATO Area and Language Advisor comparable to the present NATO Science Advisor.

In addition, it seems likely that a NATO Language and Area Advisory Committee would be required comparable to the present NATO Science Advisory Committee composed of expert representatives from all NATO countries. I would welcome your reaction to these suggestions.

I am also forwarding the Study Group's Report to the State Department, the Department of Defense and the Office of Education for their comments and suggestions.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Henry M. Jackson

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